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EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE, DIVISION OF DEFENSE
PLANNING AND POLICY

REF: USNATO 4663

1. PLEASE INFORM NATO THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
IDENTIFY A VERY STRONG CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF
DIRECTOR, CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE, AND
ASK THAT HE BE GIVEN THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
FOR THIS POSITION IN VIEW OF HIS OUTSTANDING QUALIFICA-
TIONS. YOU MIGHT ALSO POINT OUT THAT WE BELIEVE
THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A FAIRER SHARE OF IMPORTANT
POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION OF DEFENSE PLANNING AND
POLICY, I.E. MORE THAN ONE.

2. YOU SHOULD NOMINATE WOODWARD ROMINE, FSO-2, CONSUL
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GENERAL IN STRASBOURG SINCE JULY 1974 WHO HAS THE
FOLLOWING BACKGROUND, AND COULD MAKE THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF REF. BORN OCTOBER 14, 1920
IN INDIANA. AB FROM WABASH COLLEGE IN 1942, LICENSE
FROM GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT
UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA IN 1948. US NAVY 1943-46.

EMPLOYED BY US DISPLACED PERSONS COMMISSION IN GERMANY 1949-50 AND AS US MILITARY GOVERNMENT POLITICAL OBSERVER IN FREIBURG, GERMANY 1950-51. HE ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1950 AND SERVED AS A POLITICAL OFFICER AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN STUTTGART 1951-53 AND AT THE US MISSION IN BONN 1953-54. ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1955, HE WORKED FIRST IN THE REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM AND THEN AS A WEST EUROPEAN RESEARCH ANALYST. AFTER POLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN 1957, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO WARSAW AS A POLITICAL OFFICER. IN 1959 HE WENT TO PARIS FOR FOUR YEARS AS A POLITICAL OFFICER AND TWO YEARS AS STAFF AIDE TO AMBASSADOR BOHLEN. AFTER ATTENDING THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, HE SERVED ON THE FRANCE-BENELUX DESK, WAS A

MANAGEMENT ANALYST IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT, AND THEN WAS ASSIGNED AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF DEFENSE POLICY AND MILITARY SECURITY AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF NATO AND ATLANTIC POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS, MANAGING A SECTION OF SEVEN OFFICERS AND FOUR SECRETARIES. HE HELD THE LATTER POSITION FROM 1971 TO 1974 AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE UNITED STATES' POSITION ON NATO DEFENSE ISSUES AND CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING, INCLUDING THE DETAILED PREPARATION OF ALL US CEP POSITIONS AND INITIATIVES. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION OF THE NINE US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATO CEP. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE

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FOR MANY OF THE DEFENSE ISSUES WHICH ARE AREAS IN WHICH CEP SUPPORTS ALLIANCE MILITARY DETERRENCE AND DEFENSE EFFORTS. BOTH IN REVIEWING THE EXPERT WORK OF HIS OFFICERS AND OTHER AGENCIES, AND IN FORMULATING THE BROAD US POLICY APPROACHES TO CEP, MR. ROMINE HAS A BACKGROUND WHICH MAKES HIM UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF DIRECTOR, CEP. IN THE POSITIONS LISTED ABOVE, HE ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN CHAIRING COMMITTEES AND CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS AT A HIGH LEVEL. MR. ROMINE IS FLUENT IN FRENCH.

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